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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

Report from Melbourne—Plague in New South Wales and Western Australia—Examination of rodents for plague infection.

The following was received from Consul-General Bray:

The department of public health of New South Wales reports for the week ended March 17, 7 plague cases at Sydney. The patients were all infected at the same place, a warehouse in the city. Plague infection was found in a rat taken from one of the workrooms in the warehouse. During the weeks ended March 17 and 24 1,709 rodents were examined for plague infection; 5 were found to be infected.

The department of health at Perth reports for the three weeks ended March 10, 17, and 24, 2 cases and 1 death of plague at Geraldton, and 3 cases and 1 death at Fremantle. Rodents were examined as follows: Perth, 341, infected, 48; Fremantle, 449, infected, 7; number examined at Geraldton not reported; no infection found.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Report from Belize, fruit port.—Mosquitoes not prevalent—Water cisterns screened.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Cooke reports as follows: Week ended April 27, 1906. Present officially estimated population, 9,000; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. Mosquitoes are relatively scarce here at present, owing to the prevailing dry season. The greater number of water cisterns have been screened.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Apr. 20	Anselm	New Orleans	43	2
21	Belize	Mobile	18
21	Osceola	Boston via Central American ports.	29

CHINA.

Report from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions—Plague and smallpox.

Passed Assistant Surgeon White reports, March 24, as follows:

Week ended March 24, 1906:

Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on September 9, 1905.

To the restrictions enforced against Hongkong as reported on March 17, 1906, the following have been added:

Place or port.	Nature of measure.
Indo-China	Hongkong declared an infected port.
Niuchwang	Do.
Singapore	Do.

Communicable diseases: Plague, 15 cases, 15 deaths; smallpox, 19 cases, 5 deaths.

Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Number of emigrants per steamship *Mongolia* recommended, March 17, 1906, for rejection: For Honolulu, 4; for San Francisco, 15; in transit, 39.

Per steamship *Nippon Maru*: For Honolulu, 1; for San Francisco, 19; in transit, 16.

Report from Shanghai—Inspection of vessel—Smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, April 4, as follows:

Week ended March 31, 1906. One supplemental bill of health issued to the steamship *China*, and 1 vessel, 171 crew and 69 steerage passengers, inspected. Nine pieces of baggage were inspected and passed.

No quarantinable diseases were reported from outports.

Smallpox is still present in the settlement, but the disease appears to be on the decline, due to some extent, no doubt, to the improved weather conditions prevailing.

COSTA RICA.

Report from Limon, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports as follows: Week ended April 28, 1906. Estimated population, 5,000; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Apr. 22	San José	Boston	44	3	0
23	Prinz August Wilhelm	New York	91	78	21
25	Origen	New Orleans	24	4	0
26	Venus	do	30	0	0
27	Zent	New York	53	3	0
28	Ellis	New Orleans	33	8	0

One bill of health for Panaman ports was viséed.